

RADIO STAMPS

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Hello again, and welcome back to another edition of Radio Stamps. A special welcome if you're listening for the first time.

1991 Radio Stamps Winner

This is program 18, and as promised, I have a special "Radio Stamps" contest today for the 60th anniversary this month of HCJB. I also have a collecting tip for radio programs on stamps. Today as well I have another "Radio Stamps" winner to announce for 1991.

The names of all contributors to the "Radio Stamps" program are entered in a draw, held once a year now, to win radio stamps. Each time you contribute as a "Radio Stamps" reporter, with news or an example of a new issue or find, your name is entered for the draw.

Your comments and your contributions to the program are appreciated very much. The response to the "Radio Stamps" program from around the world has been great. It really isn't a surprise to learn that stamp collecting is a popular interest in the radio hobby. As you and I know, listening to international radio on shortwave, and collecting radio stamps, is a great combination of hobby interests.

And now for the winner of the 1991 draw. Congratulations today to **Peter Grenfell** of New Zealand, on the east coast of the South Island at Oamaru. Thank you Peter for your contribution this year. A collection of radio stamps from around the world is on its way to you by airmail.

By the way, Peter is the second "Radio Stamps" reporter from New Zealand to win this draw. Last year, on program 5, the winner of the first draw was **Dan Leyland** of Upper Hutt, on the North Island of New Zealand. The next draw for "Radio Stamps" reporters will be held in 1992, in one year's time in December. I'll have another collection of radio stamps to give away then. In the meantime, I hope you'll write to me during the year with news, or an example for the program, of a new issue or find from your part of the world. I'll give you my mailing address at the end of this feature.

Radio Comedians on Stamps

Last month, on program 17, I mentioned a new set of 5 stamps from the United States honouring comedians. **Norman Hill** of Arlington, Virginia, kindly sent along a mint set and an information brochure. This set features caricatures, by artist Al Hirschfeld, of comedians Abbott & Costello, Laurel & Hardy, Bergen & McCarthy, Fanny Brice and Jack Benny. During their careers in the golden years of radio, these and many other performers were heard by

millions on radio programs. This set would be a good addition for a collector with an interest in radio programs on stamps, or radio personalities on stamps. It would certainly compliment the set of 4 stamps issued earlier in 1991, by Australia, for the golden days of radio. I described this impressive set on program 15. Thanks again to Norman Hill for this collecting tip from the United States.

60th Anniversary Contest

And now its time for the special "Radio Stamps" contest for the 60th anniversary this month of HCJB. It was on Christmas day in 1931 that HCJB first went on the air. During the past 60 years the station has grown from 250 watts to over a million watts, with listeners around the world. I'm sure that many of you already have the 3 1981 stamps from Ecuador for the 50th anniversary of HCJB. If you don't, this month would be a good time to look for them. All 3 of these multicolour stamps, described away back on program 2, include the call sign of the station in their design, along with the station's emblem of protective hands and the globe. The Scott catalogue numbers for these 3 unique stamps from Ecuador are 1014, C721 and C722. In your part of the world you may be more familiar with the different numbering systems of the Stanley Gibbons, Michel or Yvert Tellier stamp catalogues. The Tellier numbers for these stamps are 1010, 732 and 733.

On today's 60th anniversdary contest I have a special "Radio Stamps" prize to give away in a draw. The prize for this international draw will be ther world's very first radio station stamp. I'll be giving away the 1919 Guatemalan stamp, in mint condition, that features the twin towers and antenna system of the historical radio station at Inalambrico. This was the very first stamp in the world to feature a radio station in its design. This hard-to-find stamp would be an important addition to any radio stamps collection.

All listeners to the "Radio Stamps" program are invited to enter this anniversary draw. Here's all you have to do - send me a picture postcard of your comunity, or your part of the world. Be sure to include your name and address on your postcard, along with the words "HCJB 60th Anniversary Radio Stamps Draw". One postacard will be drawn from all the entries on February 1, and the winner will be announced on program 21 in March. This will allow plenty of time for postcards to arrive from around the world. **Happy 60th anniversary HCJB from the "Radio Stamps" program.**

That's all for today. Best wishes to one and all for the new year. As promised, here's my mailing address. Neil Carleton, N-e-i-l C-a-r-l-e-t-o-n, P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, spelled A-l-m-o-n-t-e, Ontario, spelled O-n-t-a-r-i-o. The postal code is K0A 1A0, Canada. The address again is Neil Carleton, P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, Ontario, K0A 1A0, Canada.

Until the next time, best wishes for good listening and collecting.